

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was opened by Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Tara Lloyd with Beam, Longest and Neff, L.L.C, Consulting Engineers about a contract. Mrs. Lloyd stated that when she first started with the company and came to Jennings County to introduce herself Mr. Sporleder had asked her if Jennings County needed a County Engineer. Mrs. Lloyd said of the 14 counties she works with, only 6 of them have county engineers and this position is starting to go by the wayside. The reason is that companies like Beam, Longest & Neff are starting to enter into an agreement with counties where they serve as the County Engineer; the only difference is they are only paid when they do something for the County. At the previous Commissioner meeting Mrs. Lloyd left a contract for the Commissioners and the County Attorney to look over and she went on to say that if the Commissioners signed the contract tonight, they will not start receiving a bunch of bills from BNL. Signing the contract does not mean when Mrs. Lloyd comes to a meeting the county is billed; there is no charge for that service. There would only be a charge if like the County had heavy rains and a road would wash out and the highway department calls for help; needing a design to help decide what type of pipe is needed. This contract allows them to do that because the hourly prices are already set up so BNL can hit the ground running and be able to help get a solution quickly.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign the on call contract with Beam, Longest and Neff, L.L.C.; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was County Treasurer, Kitty Shepherd coming to inform the Commissioners that she had a vacancy in her office because of the resignation of Michelle Graham her second deputy. Mrs. Shepherd requested permission to fill this vacancy.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the Treasurer to fill the vacancy in her office. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was Probation Director Andy Judd who stated he had spoken with Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, about space to make into a juvenile holding room. They have emptied out the conference room and it will work after a wall is put in with jail doors and security cameras. The wiring is already there for the security cameras and that's why Mr. Judd was asking for the room. Mr. Judd suggested that he and Sheriff Driver should get with Greg Wilds and see how much it will take to make the room usable. This room meets the qualifications of separation as the kitchen is on one side and the entire jail staff is on

the other side; so it is totally separated from the population which is necessary by law. The purpose of the room is for a holding cell but no one will be in there longer than 6 hours.

Next Mr. Sporleder stated that the reason he asked the Judges to attend the meeting was concerning the possible construction of a new jail. The problem that keeps cropping up is transporting the inmates back and forth and so he wants to know the Judges opinion of putting a courtroom in the new jail. Mr. Sporleder asked about having video arraignments and Judge Webster responded that it was tried during Sheriff Taggart's term and it did not work well mainly because of the technology at the time and he also stated that he was fine in going to the courtroom at the jail to hold the arraignments; the courthouse would still be used for trials.

Judge Smith brought up Rule 26 that is going to mandate how bonds are addressed. A determination of what the bond should be would mean the Sheriff's department would have to expedite the reports to the Judge showing how long the prisoners had already been held. Sheriff Driver responded by saying if the deputies have to have paperwork done within 6 hours then who will be answering the calls.

Dave Woodall asked if cleaning up CSL would decrease the calls and arrests.

J.L. Brewer with Jackson-Jennings Corrections was in attendance and stated that for a work release program there can be no less than 85 people. Now the 85 can come from anywhere not just Jennings County inmates.

After much discussion, what it comes down to is the County will need to do a design to get hard costs and find out how much it will take to build and then the soft costs can be figured out. The size can be adjusted as the feasibility presentation was on 324 beds and that amount could be lessened.

Next on the agenda was Don Biehle with the Campbell Twp. Volunteer Fire Department coming to request sponsorship to apply for a Community Development Grant to build a new fire house. SIRPC will be writing the grant but they need a sponsor.

Bob Willhite made the motion to sponsor the Campbell Twp. Fire Dept for the grant application. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was the appointment of a new Veterans Service Officer.

Bob Willhite made the motion to appoint Nolan Stanley as the new Veterans Service Officer. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Auditor Vance had a request from SIRPC for a draw for Hayden Sewer for Kings Trucking.

Bob Willhite made the motion to sign the paperwork for disbursement. Dave Lane seconded the motion; Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Auditor Vance had a letter from the Jennings County Historical Society requesting use of the courthouse lawn on April 22 and 23rd for the 54th Annual Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History.

Bob Willhite made a motion to grant the use of the courthouse lawn on April 22 and 23rd of 2017 to the Jennings County Historical Society. Dave Lane seconded the motion; Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda the Commissioners looked over two bids for two new trucks for the County Highway.

Bob Willhite made a motion to purchase two new Mack Trucks for the County Highway; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane